

UTILITY APPLICATION

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First Named Inventor: Frank J. Hodges

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (X) Specification in 19 pages.
- (X) Drawings in 13 sheets.
- (X) Declaration by Inventors in 2 pages.
 - (X) Copy from parent application
 - (X) Examiner in prior application: Franz F. Jules
 - (X) Group Art Unit of prior application: 3617

CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

| Application | Relationship | Parent App. No. | Filing Date | Status |
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| This Application | Continuation of | 10/266,040 | 10/07/02 | Pending |
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(X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

- (X) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 in 4 total pages (IDS and 1449).
 - (X) 65 references listed, 5 references enclosed
- (X) Remarks Filed with Application
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.



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| FEE CALCULATION | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|---|----------|-------------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|--|
| FEE TYPE | | | FEE CODE | CALCULATION | TOTAL | | | | |
| Basic Utility | | | | | | 1001 (\$770) | | \$770 | |
| Non-English Spec. | | | | | | 1053 (\$130) | | \$0 | |
| Recordation Fee | | | | | | 8021 (\$40) | 0 x 40 = | \$0 | |
| Excess Claims > 20 | 42 | - | 20 | = | 5 | 1202 (\$18) | 22 x 18 = | \$396 | |
| Independent > 3 | 3 | - | 3 | = | 0 | 1201 (\$86) | 0 x 86 = | \$0 | |
| Multiple Claim | | | | | | 1203 (\$290) | | \$0 | |
| | | | | | | | TOTAL FEE DUE | \$1,166 | |

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